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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

KOH ET AL.

Examiner

David Mis

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 June 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b.) as being clearly anticipated by Su et al.

Su et al disclosed a tuning circuit (Figs. 6A-6C) coupled to a VCO (240), a phase-locked loop (Fig. 2) coupled to a loop filter (230) (column 4, lines 7-14, fine tuning voltage (Vc) (column 1, lines 37-40; column 7, lines 17-21), lock detect monitoring circuit coupled to the PLL (Figs. 3, 6A-6C) (614, 640, 650-654) (column 6, lines 64-65; column 7, lines 40-49; column 7, line 50 to column 8, line 28) determining a state of the PLL, VTUNE (Vc) monitoring circuit (Fig. 6B) (630) (column 7, lines 17-30) determining the fine tune voltage (Vc) generated by the loop filter (230), autotuner circuit (Figs. 6A-6C) connected to the monitoring circuits and configured to provide coarse tuning (Fig. 6A) (... 616 ...) of VCO (240) based on the fine tuning voltage (Vc) (Fig. 6B) (630) (column 7, lines 17-30) and the state (Figs. 3, 6A-6C)

(614, 640, 650-654) (column 6, lines 64-65; column 7, lines 40-49; column 7, line 50 to column 8, line 28) of the PLL; tank (Fig. 5); switched capacitors (Fig. 5); coarse tuning tank capacitors (column 7, lines 58-62); coarse tuning value set when loop locked and fine tuning voltage within range (... column 7, lines 22-24 ...); changing coarse tuning value based on fine tune voltage thresholds (... column 7, lines 22-41 ...); loop filter not switched out (Fig. 2).

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David Mis whose telephone number is (571)272-1765. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert Pascal can be reached on (571)272-1769. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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